

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-71. (Cancelled)

72. (Original) A method comprising:

disposing a defibrillation electrode tip on a distal end of a lead body, the lead body extending from a proximal end to the distal end and having an intermediate portion therebetween;

coupling at least one conductive tine with the intermediate portion of the lead body;

positioning the defibrillation electrode tip within an apex of a heart;

coupling the lead body to a pulse generator; and

delivering defibrillation shocks from the pulse generator via the defibrillation electrode tip.

73. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising pacing the heart with the at least one conductive tine.

74. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising sensing the heart with the at least one conductive tine.

75. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising providing insulation between the defibrillation electrode tip and the at least one conductive tine.

76. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising disposing a conductive member on a distal tip of each conductive tine.

77. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, further comprising coupling a conductive member to the at least one conductive tine.

78-82 (Cancelled)

83. (New) A method comprising:

providing a lead having a defibrillation electrode on a distal end of the lead and a conductive tine proximate the distal end of the lead;

positioning the defibrillation electrode at an apex of a heart such that the conductive tine is also proximate the apex of the heart;

coupling the lead body to a pulse generator; and

delivering defibrillation shocks from the pulse generator via the defibrillation electrode.

84. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising pacing the heart with the conductive tine.

85. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising sensing the heart with the at least one conductive tine.

86. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising providing insulation between the defibrillation electrode tip and the at least one conductive tine.

87. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising providing insulation between the defibrillation electrode tip and the at least one conductive tine.

88. (New) A method comprising:

providing a lead having a lead body extending from a proximal end to a distal end and having an intermediate portion therebetween, at least one conductor disposed within the lead body and extending from a first end to a second end, the first end proximate to the proximal end of the lead body and the second end proximate to the distal end of the lead body, an electrode electrically coupled with the conductor, the electrode disposed at the second end of the conductor

forming an electrode tip at the distal end of the lead body, a defibrillation coil disposed at the intermediate portion of the lead body, and at least one electrically conductive tine coupled with a portion of the lead body and positioned between the electrode and the defibrillation coil, wherein the at least one conductive tine is electrically insulated from the electrode;

positioning the lead within a heart, wherein the at least one electrically conductive tine is located proximate the electrode tip at the distal end of the lead body such that when the electrode is positioned at an apex of a ventricle the at least one electrically conductive tine is located within the ventricle; and

delivering defibrillation shocks to the heart via the defibrillation electrode.

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89. (New) The method of claim 88, wherein providing a lead includes the at least one conductive tine having a first end coupled with the lead body and a second end which extends away from the lead body.

90. (New) The method of claim 88, wherein providing a lead includes the at least one tine being partially covered with non-conductive material.

91. (New) The method of claim 88, wherein providing a lead includes coupling a conductive bead with the second end of the conductive tine.

92. (New) The method of claim 91, wherein coupling a conductive bead includes welding the conductive bead to the conductive tine.

93. (New) The method of claim 88, further including sensing or pacing with the conductive tine.